

Regular Session, 2005

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 49

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Sergeant First Class Kurt J. Comeaux.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Army National Guard Sergeant First Class Kirk J. Comeaux upon his death in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

WHEREAS, it is with the deepest regret and most profound sorrow that the Senate has learned of the tragic death in combat of Sergeant Kurt J. Comeaux; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Comeaux was a native of Raceland, graduating from high school there and meeting his sweetheart, Tiffany, who would later become his wife and the mother of their children, Bryce, and twins, Brandon and Brody; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Comeaux soon began his military service as a member of the Army National Guard, subsequently being assigned to Charlie Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 156<sup>th</sup> Mechanized Infantry Regiment, 256<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team with whom he was activated in 2004, and deployed to Iraq; and

WHEREAS, while Sergeant Comeaux loved his family and friends and missed them dearly during his tour of duty in the Iraqi Theater of Operations, he also loved his country, felt it was his duty to protect his homeland and was honored to be fighting the enemies of America; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Comeaux and his men were given the task of supporting the

1 operations of the 86<sup>th</sup> Army Infantry Regiment north of Baghdad near the small Iraqi town  
2 of Taji; and

3 WHEREAS, Sergeant Comeaux was 34 years old when he and his platoon were sent  
4 on patrol January 6, 2005, on a routine mission of searching out terrorist forces reported  
5 operating in the area; and

6 WHEREAS, Sergeant Comeaux and six other National Guard soldiers traveling in  
7 a Bradley Fighting Vehicle were mortally wounded when their patrol was attacked by  
8 terrorist forces using an improvised explosive device to strike their vehicle, marking the  
9 deadliest day for a single United States Army National Guard unit so far in the Iraqi War;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, six of the seven soldiers slain in the attack were from Louisiana,  
12 tragically making the toll the largest single loss of life among Louisiana troops since the  
13 Korean War; and

14 WHEREAS, the loss of Sergeant Comeaux and his comrades was almost more than  
15 his family and friends could endure, their ultimate sacrifice for their country, their bravery  
16 and their uncommon valor made citizens around Louisiana rally in support of the National  
17 Guard's gallant efforts in the war on terror; and

18 WHEREAS, Sergeant Comeaux will forever be remembered by his family, friends,  
19 and fellow soldiers as a dedicated and extraordinary leader and his sacrifice serves as a  
20 reminder that freedom is never free and Americans may have to fight to protect the freedoms  
21 and liberties its citizens now enjoy.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
23 does hereby express a profound sense of loss and sends its heartfelt condolences from a  
24 grateful state and nation to the family of United States Army National Guard Sergeant First  
25 Class Kurt J. Comeaux for fighting America's sworn enemies in a faraway land.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be  
27 transmitted to the family of Sergeant Kurt J. Comeaux.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

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DIGEST

Expresses condolences upon the death of U.S. Army National Guard Sergeant First Class Kurt J. Comeaux.